

A Testimony of Joseph Anderson

During the first world war the missionaries were called home from only the continent of Europe. They were left in Great Britain, Norway and Sweden. When the second world war broke out the missionaries were called home hurriedly from the entire European Mission. Some of the brethren felt that it was unnecessary to take the missionaries out of the countries where they had been left during the first war.

Scarcely had all the missionaries boarded ship for America when the bombs started falling on London. When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, there were those who felt that this was the time when the missionaries should be brought home from Hawaii, but the leaders of the Church did not bring them home. Looking at it naturally, one would have supposed that Hawaii would be a danger zone. These events witness to me that the Church is not being guided by the wisdom of man, but that the leaders of this Church work and speak under the inspiration of our Father in Heaven.

In 1936 when the wise men of our nation were ordering the destruction of growing crops, the livestock, the leaders of the Church Welfare Plan and urged the Church to produce more and to store at least one year's supply of food and clothing in their homes. The shortage and rationing that developed in the early days of the war, and the vast amount of help sent to the suffering nations in Europe bear testimony of the inspiration of our leaders—contributed by Bishop J. Ward Given.

Brentwood Ward

IVY BECK

The social on Sept. 13 to begin fall work in Mutual was gratifying to all who took part in the presentation. The first 25 minutes was devoted to a sample type assembly program, after which Margaret Curtis did an excellent job of presenting the program to a sample type assembly. As the year went along, each department was represented by a skit, musical number or short play, each adding a bit of color and variety to the picture.

Mrs. Backman, a non-member, played the piano for a Virginia reel and a few dances, following which donuts and cider were served.

Primary held their harvest festival on August 30. An interesting and entertaining program was presented with all children taking part. The youngest group presented songs and dances of the Isles of the Pacific. The boys dressed in swimming shorts and leis while the girls wore crepe paper skirts and leis. A Samoan dance was presented by three girls while the younger children played homemade ukuleles and drums.

Zion's Boys and Girls participated with Scandinavian dances and songs. All were dressed in native costumes made during the summer.

The Trail Builders, having studied the Indians, presented a story, "Dawn Boy." They sang Indian songs as a conclusion to their part on the program.

All groups had display tables of their handwork done during the summer.

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Two LDS Girls Attend School in Mexico

Two LDS girls attend summer school at university of Mexico and report on church condition observed. Dawna Erickson and Rose Hickman, Berkeley, are deeply impressed with the sincerity, humility, gratitude and genuine devotion of our Mexican Brothers and Sisters.

Mexico has been described as a land of contrast and it is perhaps this quality more than any other that made the most vivid impression upon us during our trip. A small but vital example is the L. D. S. branch chapel on Ixtapalapa street, at the outskirts of Mexico City, for it stands in the most direct contrast to the traditional form and spirit of religion in Mexico.

Throughout the entire country are hundreds of towering cathedrals that dominate the landscape and rise in elaborate relief against the sky. In the center of each city is a cluster of simple thatched huts or adobe shelters. In the small village of Cholula there is a church for every day of the year, each one with intricate gold carvings, statues, stained-glass windows, and velvet altars.

Our small white adobe church with its simplicity of structure with a startling challenge to the Catholic tradition and offered a stark contrast to the attitude of the people. Yet, at the same time, it seemed to us that there was a more subtle and powerful difference in this church. Its simplicity extended to the attitude of the people, and here it seems that the contrast extended to our own L. D. S. churches in the United States. For as we entered the building we were profoundly impressed by the reverent and eager expressions of the faces of the people. Here was a group to whom the experience of a deeply emotional, "et cetera" with a religious truth was still fresh and exhilarating. During the class discussion it was obvious that many of the members could not follow the manual reading, and yet they participated fully in the spirit of sincere worship. There were a few in the audience who were evidently well-to-do but by far the majority and the most touching were faces of those who were living examples of the almost unbelievable poverty that exists in Mexico. Their humility made us feel ashamed of our own well-being.

In order to appreciate that spirit of humility it is necessary to understand that Mexico is a country in terms of what it lacks rather than what it possesses. It is a common sight to see beggars, ragged little children and cripples sleeping on the sidewalk of the main district of the city. It was difficult for us to realize that this was the country that has been considered normal conditions by the majority of the people. The people cannot turn to the land for much support. It is estimated that only 7 per cent of the land is under active cultivation and approximately 14 per cent of the population accept as luxuries the things we take for granted as necessities. The people at church could well feel gratitude for their small possessions.

It is true we had some difficulty in understanding the Spanish that was spoken at the services, but the feelings of religious devotion was unmistakable. As one small part of the tremendous variety in Mexican culture, the church pointed a direct challenge not only to Mexican traditional religion but to our churches here in America. It illustrated the fact that indifference to basic Christian values such as humility and sincerity set up far greater barriers to religious understandings than language.

E. Richmond Ward

Members of Troop 131 of East Richmond ward are winding up a pleasant summer of real activity and looking forward to a good winter season accomplishing many valuable things.

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Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

Two deaths occurred in the ward this last month. One of a heart attack came out of the family of Mrs. Robert Livingston. While not member of the Church his family were and he has long been a friend of the members. Sister Phyllis Checketts died Sept. 27th after a long drawn out illness. She is survived by her husband and one son, Blair.

A farewell party was held in honor of Bro. and Sis. Stewart who are going on a mission to the Northern States. Many friends were here from out of the ward. Both of the new missionaries have held many jobs in the ward and in the stake. A reception was held in honor of Emerson Green and Donna Webb. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple September 7. They are both going to finish their college work in the BYU.

Mutual opening social was held September 16. An evening of dancing and entertainment was enjoyed by all. Everyone was cordially invited to come out and participate in the ward's activity. The ward members have held a social and new bride, Nina Lee Stewart, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. The young couple will make their home in Hayward.

Ben Lamkin was called to Los Angeles to the bedside of his brother who was stricken with polio. His throat was paralyzed in such a way that he could neither breathe nor swallow. He was placed in a hospital and his throat to care for his needs. We are happy to report that he is much improved.

Sister Peggy Nelson, one time member of our ward, has been called on a mission to the Western States Mission. Robert Day also, one-time member, has come to Holland on a mission. Bob is the son of David and Helen Day now living in Harmony Hills.

Dick Nelson is walking around with his head in the clouds since the arrival of his son and daughter. Sister Hartwell is running out of words to describe the beauty of the same. We wonder what will be the objectives when the stock pays his expected visit to Garth and Norma Taylor.

Another happy couple are the Harveys. They too have a son and heir. They had nearly given up hopes when this little bundle of joy came their way. The Scouts held a Court of Honor for Cub pack No. 6 and Troop No. 2. The cub pack awarded Webelos and graduated to Troop 2. Peter Hawk received a second class award; Dennis Bodily and Charles Stoddard first class. Louis Jones received a life award and a pen for perfect attendance for the entire year. A number of merit badges were awarded. The annual round-up and pen will be held the second week end in October.

The Genealogical Society is sponsoring a class in the ward chapel. The proceeds will go to finish furnishing the class room, the remainder to go to the ward building fund.

Milt and Colleen Edington are to go to the Salt Lake Temple to do their endowment work and receive sealings. Sister Chloé Allard will be with them for her own work. They will go on to Arizona for a month's vacation.

Donna Izatt fell from a tree and broke her left wrist. Grace Reinking and sister from Yakima, Washington, vacationed in Los Angeles and Pomona for three weeks. Ross McClellan and family spent a week-end in Big Basin. Bernard and family spent the week end in Sacramento. Gene Blackman was sent by his firm to New York on a buying trip. Rose Brown spent two and one-half weeks in Georgetown with her sister.

The girls' committee presented the Sunday night program. Sister Gary Lamkin was sustained as the new chairman. Sister Hilton and two sisters from other wards were the speakers.

In speaking of being on our toes Bro. Munson says: "That a grapefruit was only a lemon until it saw its chance and took it."

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On Way to Emmaus

President Emery Ranker of the Berkeley stake presidency quoted the words of the early disciples who had walked and dined with the resurrected Savior on the way to Emmaus, "did not our hearts burn within us? This was the way the testimony of the Christ came to these saints."

If anyone listened to the address of Elder Ezra Taft Benson this morning and did not feel his heart burn within him I think that person would do well to search his or her soul as to why he did not get that divine testimony.

In listening to the figures this morning showing that about 50 per cent of the saints had not participated in the stake's building program this year, Elder Ranker said that he asked himself, "Why is this?"

"As a convert," he went on, "I can compare and evaluate better what we have in this Church. He told the audience to think how a boy had seen God our Father and the Son and had been instructed by them. Angels had come and great and glorious principles and ordinances had been bestowed upon these people."

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(EDITORIAL)

CAN YE FEEL SO NOW . . . ?

Alma is quoted as one time saying to the members of the Church in Zarahemla, "And now behold, my brethren, if ye have experienced a change of heart, and if ye have felt to sing the song of redeeming love, I would ask, can ye feel so now?" (Alma 5:26).

This great Nephite soul concluded the discourse with a confession as to how as one individual he was able to bear a fervent testimony of the truth of the great principles of fine living and the verity of their divinity. He confided, "Behold I have fasted and prayed many days that I might know these things of myself. And now I do know of myself that they are true, for the Lord hath made them manifest unto me by his Holy Spirit; and this is the spirit of revelation which is in me."

In the spirit of Alma's discourse one might ask with profit of each of us, the membership of the Church of the Christ today (or for that matter in any age when the Gospel has been on the earth), certain searching questions.

Is the Gospel still the chief joy in our lives? Do we thrill at the thought of Jesus, our elder Brother? Can we say, "Jesus, the very thought of thee with rapture fills my breast?"

Can we sing with Mary, the young prospective mother of Jesus, as she conversed with Elizabeth in the quiet of a homely visit, "My soul doeth magnify the Lord!" Do we experience the "fullness of joy" which is the privilege of saints? Or do we live far below our opportunities in this regard?

Further, can we say we feel the burning sensation of soul called a "burning testimony" of the divinity of the Gospel? Do we feel that fervor inwardly when we sing the old hymn, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning?"

Can we say with the poet Wordsworth, "I have felt a presence that disturbs me with the joy of elevated thoughts"? Can we join with Alma again, saying, "Yea, our souls did expand, and we did sing redeeming love?"

What would we be able to answer Alma if he asked us personally as he did those Nephite saints, "And now behold I ask of you, my brethren of the Church, have ye spiritually been born of God?"

Can we answer yes to Alma as he continues, "Have ye received his image in your countenances? Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?"

We will recall the conditions of soul yearning in which Enos found himself (Enos 3, 4), "and the words which I had often heard my father (Jacob, the brother of Nephi) speak concerning eternal life, and the joy of the saints, sank deep into my heart and my soul hungered; and I kneeled down before my Maker, and I cried unto him in mighty prayer and supplication for mine own soul, and all the day long did I cry unto him; yea, and when the night came I did still raise my voice high that it reached the heavens."

No doubt the same thing will happen to one of us if we choose to follow the same procedure. Enos says, "And there came a voice unto me, saying, 'Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed.' He was greatly blessed and became a power in spiritual matters from that very moment forward.

Alma, Enos and a noble host unto this very hour have found and are finding the joy of the saints. In some measure all the humble, faithful saints know of this peace and joy and surety of knowledge. And so again Alma's words call for a searching of the heart, "And now behold, I say unto you, my brethren, if ye have experienced a change of heart, and if ye have felt to sing a song of redeeming love, I would ask of you, Can Ye Feel so Now?"

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Helen Burdett Reports Work in East Central States Mission

I feel very humble in undertaking the assignment to talk to you saints through the Messenger and pray that the Spirit of the Lord will direct me that I might instill within this article the missionary spirit as it is.

As each missionary returns from the field, he says that his field of labor is the best of all and no one could convince him otherwise, but, regardless of where one labors, in a foreign mission or at home, there are children of our Heavenly Father waiting to hear the true principles of Christ.

At times, in the East Central States Mission, the task seemed useless when so many people turned deaf ears to the truth. We are told however, that one must taste of the bitter to enjoy the sweet and it was to watch the joy and happiness that have been changed as the Lord has blessed them with an understanding of the Gospel and the desire to live it.

Without the help of the Lord little could be accomplished and He truly is guiding the missionaries. There was one family we felt on each week which we felt were understanding the doctrines as they were explained, but one member, an elderly, blind, mother was not open to the doctrine as we understand it. Her friendliness was not as sincere as that of her family until one night my companion asked her to open the little meeting with a prayer. She said she couldn't pray but as her heart was touched she offered that perfect prayer given to us by the Master, with such humility and love that I've never before been privileged to feel. Truly the field is white and ready to harvest.

In Paul's writing to the Romans he says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Indeed, how shall they hear a preacher? That is a part of our duty as members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Do we appreciate our blessings enough to want others to also gain eternal life? We have been blessed beyond measure and have shown a great heritage. Let's show our appreciation by living the teachings of the Savior and sharing our joy and knowledge with others.



HELEN BURDETT.

The Mormoneer

The Mormoneer is the name of a mimeographed Hayward ward recently stimulator begun in July 1949. The Bishop's message for August says:

"The Lord's work here on earth must be done. Satan is always striving to prevent it, however, and it would seem that he has many helpers at his beck and call. Therefore, those who have seen the light and have been baptized into the Kingdom of God here on earth should accept the challenge of Satan, and do their utmost to promote the Kingdom of the Lord."

"Many will say, 'but what can I do? There is one sure way in which one can find out what he can do. That is to offer your service to your bishop. Then accept any call that he makes upon you, and with a prayerful heart, enter into the duties imposed by that call."

"If you will do all that you can, and then ask the Lord to assist you to do more, you can rest assured that the Lord will help you. But you must do your part first."

"If you will put your trust in the Lord, and not in the arm of flesh, you will be blessed with the spirit of the Lord to accomplish your righteous desires."

CAST YOUR BREAD

The Adelaars were Catholics. To two young missionaries this meant there was little probability that they would ever join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. But Mary Adelaide, a lively young girl of 17 had in some way found her way into our little hall on the "small side" of Rotterdam, and she had invited us to visit the home of her parents. Her parents received us kindly, but our first few visits were strictly social and not much was said about our religion.

Then the Lord stepped into the picture. One night when we called, little Eva, a girl of twelve, was sitting on the floor in the corner of the room. She was crying. Her crying finally got on my companion's nerves. He asked rather crossly, "What's the matter with that child?" Her mother said that she had an earache. It had been aching all day. They had done everything they could think of and nothing which they had done had seemed to help. My companion said: "That's nonsense. We can cure that in a minute. Let her come and sit on this chair."

He took from his pocket a very small vial containing consecrated oil. It was usual for us to carry this with us. We administered to the little girl. The earache stopped instantly. Our friends were amazed. "How," they asked, "did the oil that you put on Eva's head get down to the ear and stop the pain?" We put warm oil in her ear but it seemed to do no good. Tell us what has happened."

That night we had our first real gospel conversation with the Adelaars. Many more followed, and the beautiful gospel plan was unfolded unto them. Their priest protested our visits and gave one warning of the terrible things

that would come upon the family if they permitted us to continue our visits. But something in their hearts was attuned to the spirit of the gospel and its simple beauty appealed to their souls and one night the members of the family were baptized by immersion in the cool, clean waters of the beautiful Maas river.

A year before the late President John H. Taylor passed on to his heavenly reward, visited with him in the Nampa Stake, Idaho. After the morning meeting a number of people came to the stand to shake our hands and talk for a minute. One woman grasped my hand enthusiastically, and with a smile said, "Will you forgive me if I cannot call your name? I meet so many people it is hard for me to remember them all." Again she smiled and asked me if I remembered the incident I have related above. I answered, "Yes, I remember it very well." Then she said, "I am Eva Adelaide." Then I was surprised and burst out impetuously, "What in the world are you doing in Idaho?" She laughed and said, "Why I live here of course, and I have nine children, and they are all good Latter-day Saints."

That night Elder Taylor and I were guests at the stake Fireside, which was well attended by the young people of the stake. She seemed to take considerable pride in introducing me as the Elder who baptized her mother.

Mary Adelaide has a lovely family. They live in a beautiful home in the charming Holladay district southeast of Salt Lake. At this time she and her husband are in Holland filling a mission among their relatives and friends of that quiet and enchanting country.

Artists In Our Midst Honored

It is a pleasure for the Messenger to tender once in a while the stakes' homage to the high quality and the unselfish nature of the musical talent with which the wards and the stakes in this favored region are blessed.

Beginning with the truly masterful Mormon male chorus under director Robert Sant, we would like to mention the choristers and organists of all the stakes and the wards, and of the auxiliaries. But space would not be sufficient, so great is the number concerned. We all know them; we all enjoy and thrill to their work; we all compliment them so infrequently. This small tribute to our musical artists and leaders is prompted at this particular time by two functions which the editor attended lately. One was a farewell for Elder and Mrs. Owen L. Stewart in Hayward and the other, "Musical Sunday Afternoon," given under the auspices of the Berkeley Camp of the daughters of the Utah Pioneers at the LDS Institute in Berkeley.

In Hayward in a vocal solo Brother Wiseman was in his best form; and several duet numbers by the most imitable artists, Rex and Mary Bolle of Hayward, left nothing to be desired. Nothing more inspiring and uplifting from this talented couple have I ever heard. Let the wards and stakes remember these wonderful people on their programs. They sing sermons in song.

At the DUP program in Berkeley was heard our newest artist to join the local colony, coming from musical conquests in Holland as devoted converts to the Gospel of the Master, Nico D. Snel and his son "Nick" and our best beloved James and Charlotte Richardson. Words are totally inadequate to picture or convey the emotional power with which the large audience was swept from the first notes on the piano by Nico D. Snel, the first clear call from the violin in the left hands of "Nick" to the bird-like melodies and heavenly chords of the Richardson.

The regular program opened with "Sad Waltz" by Sibelius, rendered so artistically on the piano by Elder Snel, and closed with "O, Divine Redeemer," a most touching vocal solo by James Richardson. As a request number before separation for refreshments Nico D. Snel charmed everyone with his own soulful improvisations of some old favorite LDS hymns. The high quality of the program will perhaps best be conveyed by presenting the numbers rendered.

By Nico D. Snel and "Nick" Snel, piano and violin: "Sad Waltz," Sibelius; "The Deluge," C. Saint Saens; Exalt, Ludwig Canne; Piano solos by Nico D. Snel: "Impromptu," F. Schubert; "To the Sea," Edw. MacDowell; Selections of Latter-day Saint Hymns; "Land of Smiles," Frans Lehar.

Vocal solos by James Richardson: "The Lord's Prayer," Mattie's "Pilgrim Song," Tehaskowsky; "Morning," Oley Speaks; "Hills of Home," Oscar J. Fox.

Vocal solos by Charlotte Richardson: "When You and I Were Alone," Ernest Young, Maggie, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "Love's Old Sweet Song."

Vocal solos by James Richardson: "When They're Gone Do Not Forget Them," "My Pretty Jane," Henry Bishop; "I Love You California," by Frankenstein; "Mountain," Rasbach; "Thine Alone," Victor Herbert; "Homing," Teresa Del Riego; "O, Divine Redeemer," Charles Gounod.

Oak. Stake News

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vegetables have been processed. Next year's crops are already planned by Clifford E. Johnson chairman of agricultural commission.

Barley was the best crop this year. Tomatoes have been first and supplied our need for canning. The garlic is harvested, approximately 1200 pounds for market. In fact it was such a strong crop that they got wind of it as far away as St. George where Brother Millard P. Cosby resides. At his request we gladly send him some seed.

The potatoes are gathered and stored. Our quota was stored in Berkeley unit. Many beans have been grown and canned, straight and in soup. Fifteen pigs have been raised on our farm.

Missionary Work Practically Without Purse and Script, New England Mission

David Cummings left Berkeley and headed for New England. He returned from his mission last August and has written experiences of laboring without "purse or script." He reports as follows:

"I had heard all about New England. It was peopled with cold but cultured stock who doted on the homey virtues and who formed the tough, solid core of our American civilization. They lived in thriving, picturesque communities made up of quaint, comfortable houses centered around the village green, which was loaded with history and romance.

Very prominent in the picture was the traditional white, steeped church where the God-fearing thronged at the times appointed. The family Bible was in a conspicuous place and was used frequently.



DAVID B. CUMMINGS

LDS Helped Build California

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president of Mexico in 1834 he issued a proclamation prohibiting citizens from the United States and all other foreigners from settling on Mexican soil. However, a drizzle of settlers drifted into California in 1841-42 over the Oregon Trail. By 1846 a steady stream of emigrants was wending its way into California.

To help these travelers Jim Bridger built a fort "for the convenience of travelers and commercial purposes" in Wyoming and John C. Fremont, a scientist and cartographer, was publishing his reports through Congress of journeys to the West as far as California, and many homeseekers were turning their faces westward, not only to Oregon which then was under a joint occupancy of Great Britain and the United States, but to California, where the Dons lived in feudal ease and splendor.

Because of the limited finances or the apocryphal poverty of the many of the Latter-day Saints at the time, the Church authorities at Nauvoo devised an all-over plan for the western migration of the Church members. They advised the members living on or near the Atlantic coast to travel by water to the land of California on the Pacific coast, and then to unite with the main body of the Church wherever the headquarters may be in Upper California.

This mythical area included what today comprises the state of California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and fringes of Colorado and Wyoming. Transportation by water permitted carrying heavy machinery, printing presses and paper and seed. If a good ship could be obtained much time would also be saved.

With the help of Parley P. Pratt and his brother, Orson Pratt, the Mormon people in New York and along the Atlantic seaboard were soon convinced of the work ability of the plan for a water journey to the west. Samuel Brannan, a young LDS printer in New York, who had helped publishing some early Church periodicals in the East, was given authority to charter a ship for the purpose.

After much work and some delay the ship Brooklyn was chartered for \$1200 per month provided the skipper could obtain mail of cargo for the Sandwich Islands (now the Hawaiian Islands). Since there were no large cities on the California coast it was generally referred to at the time as the "Northwest Coast" to seafaring men.

Monterey was the main port for shipping aides via the Boston ships. Altho the California Dons took great pride in the boots and saddles still they shipped their hides to Boston and bought their boots and saddles from Massachusetts leather manufacturers. There was a wee hamlet on San Francisco or to seafaring men as "The Cove." It was too small to become a regular port-of-call. The Sandwich Islands were of sufficient importance at the time to the port of call for all the ships that entered the Pacific.

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Welfare Work and Testimonies Highlight Oak. Stake Conference

Two welfare work films presented by Donald Davis of the Church Welfare Committee opened quarterly conference sessions Sat., Oct. 21, for Oakland LDS stake in the Oakland ward chapel. Featured in Sunday sessions were addresses by Matthew Cowley of the Council of the Twelve proving that the Welfare Program will work; by Oakland Stake President Delbert Wright showing that we can find security in a search for truth; and a thrilling personal testimony by 82-year-old John L. Herrick who is in charge of the Church office building in Salt Lake City.

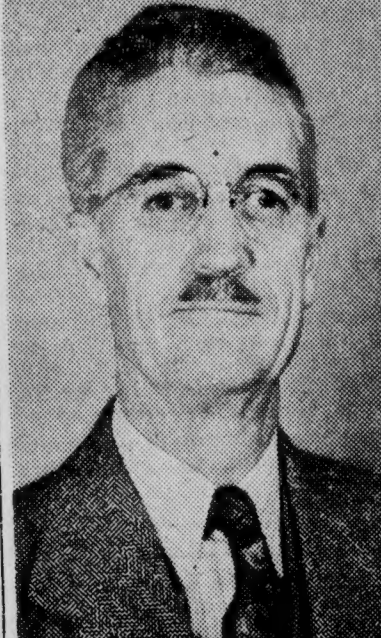
Another feature of the conference was a "Youth Panel" conducted by the MIA for the evening, under the direction of Darrel J. Monson, YMMIA superintendent. A missionary meeting was held



Apostle Matthew Cowley

at 1 p.m. and the afternoon conference session at 2 p.m. Angus Norberg, first counselor to Stake President Wright, conducted the Sunday morning general session, and introduced as first speaker, President Wright who praised the Welfare Films (Continued on page 5)

Eugene Hilton Made Patriarch



Patriarch Eugene Hilton

A second patriarch was added to Oakland stake at quarterly conference Sunday, October 23. (Continued on page four)

Berk. Presidency Set Dates of Unique June Pilgrimage

The stake presidency of Berkeley stake has sent out a strong call for a mammoth 1950 temple pilgrimage to be taken to Salt Lake City at the same time as the June Conference of the MIA. Under the special direction of Delbert H. Rock for the presidency and the stake genealogical committee, this first annual June temple pilgrimage is set at a time when vacations are on and schools are closed for the summer, and will be conducted on the caravan principle of private autos instead of busses and with drivers taking other stake members on a reasonable pay basis. It will thus, also serve as a glorified recreation and vacation period.

Patterned somewhat on a plan successfully used several years ago by the Northern States Mission under the direction of Brother Rock working with Mission President Wm. R. Sloan when the Rocks were living at Seattle, this pilgrimage will hold mass street meetings on the way, probably at Sacramento, Reno and Winnemucca, taking at least two days for the trip to Salt Lake, getting the spirit of the pilgrimage through the prearranged caravan (Continued on page 4)

STAKE CONFERENCE BERKELEY NOV. 12-13 EVENING MEETINGS CHANGED TO 7:30 P.M.

Berkeley Stake's regular quarterly conference will assemble Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13 in the Berkeley chapel, Vine and Walnut streets. Le Grande Richards, a powerful preacher, using abundant human interest stories, will attend. Notice is given that both Saturday and Sunday evening meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m., NOT at the old time, 7 p.m.

Apostle Matthew Cowley Speaks at Dedication of the DUP Centennial Monuments in San Joaquin County



—Photo by Ray W. Piercy, Jr., Pied. 5-9028-M, Oakland.

Officers of Alameda county camps Daughters of Utah Pioneers, visiting apostle Matthew Cowley, Berkeley and San Joaquin stake officers and program participants at the dedicatory exercises for state registered bronze plaque memorializing landing of sail launch, Comet, first sail boat to ascend the San Joaquin, fall of 1846, with colony of 20 men who went overland to found New Hope at mouth of Stanislaus river, the first farming operation in this county.

Included in the picture are: Apostle Matthew Cowley, I. B. Ball, Cleo Ricks, W. Glenn Harmon, Alfred E. H. Cardwell, Mildred Morgan, Winnifred Phelps, Amelia Everett, Annalee D. Patton, Lucille Ream, W. Aird Macdonald, LaVon Johnson, Wanda Harmon, Minnie Ellsworth, C. A. Mills and Maybelle Anderson.

Liahona Club News



Liahona Club Gets Camp Site On the Stanislaus

Klee's Smorgasborg, 2062 Mountain Blvd., in the challenging Montclair district of Oakland, was the scene of the greatest gathering and the most enthusiastic meeting of the Liahona club, the local LDS business and professional men's organization.

Favored by the presence of President Wright and Counselor Glenn Shaw of the Oakland stake presidency and of Wayne Mathew of the Berkeley stake presidency, and addressed by former stake president and now new patriarch, Eugene Hilton, on the very important new work to which he now has been called by the Oakland school system, the club crowded the large banquet room at Klee's and showed that they (Continued on page five).

Oakland Stake Home Coming

MAMMOTH HARVEST FESTIVAL

"Mammoth Harvest Festival," celebrating successful farm and canning season, November 10, 11, 12, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in cooperation with all the wards in the Stake.

Thursday Nov. 10—Diners, Oakland, Elmhurst halls.

Friday, Nov. 11—Afternoon movies, road shows. Evenings at Oak., Elm., Alameda and Dimond.

Saturday, Nov. 12—11 a.m. to 11 p.m.—Grand carnivals at Hayward. Movies and games of skill. Auctions.

ALL DAY COUNTRY STORE AT HAYWARD WARD

We invite your participation in all these festivities. It is hoped that \$5000 to relieve the indebtedness of each ward for the new and enlarged Class A canning equipment now in use in our great Welfare Program, the security backlog for our families of Oakland stake.

Come one, come all, as we should have fun, accomplish great good.

JOINT STAKE HARVEST BALL FRIDAY, NOV. 25

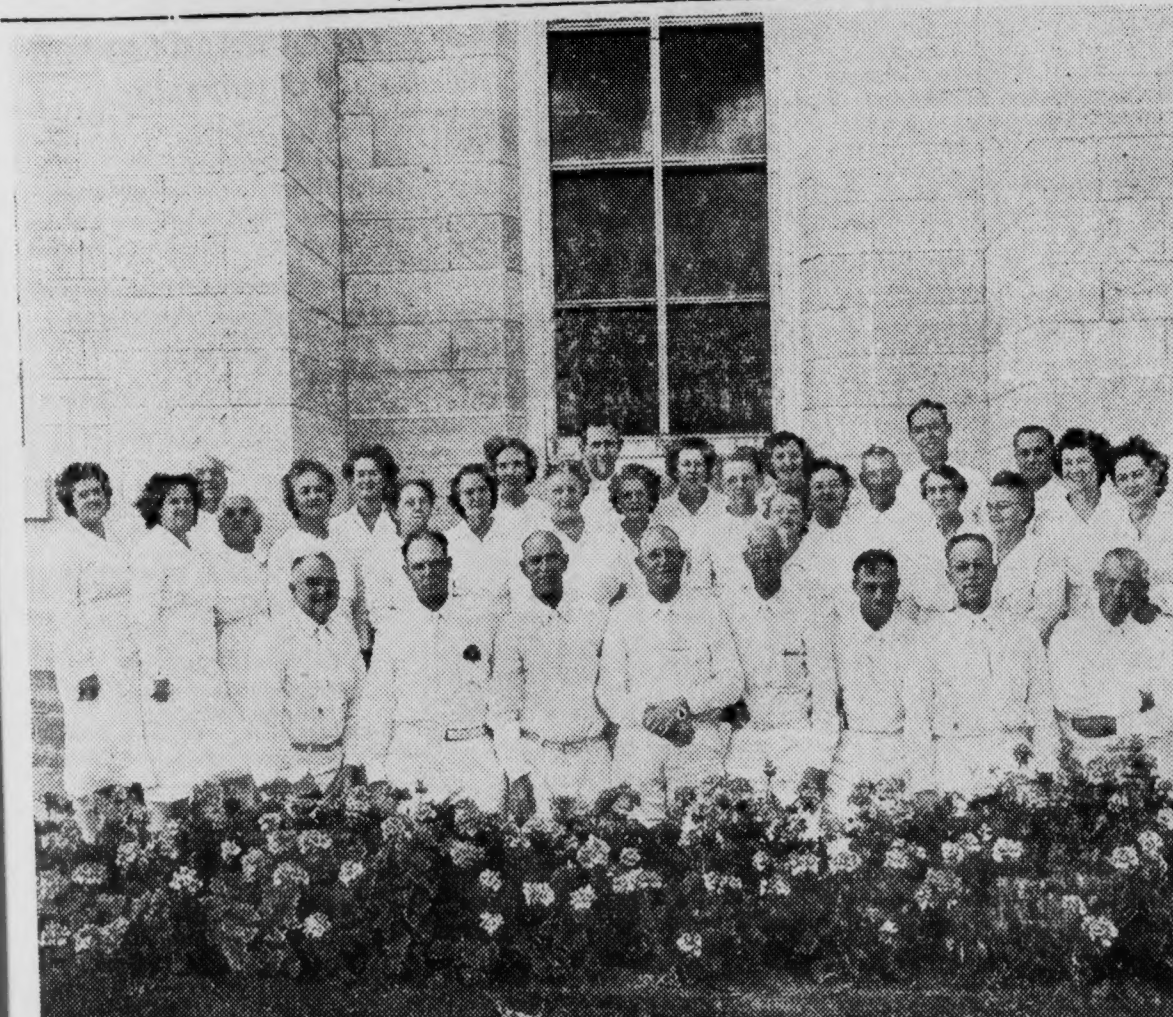
The annual harvest ball of the Mutual Improvement Association of Berkeley and Oakland Stakes is scheduled to get underway, Friday, November 25 1949 at the Scottish Rite auditorium, Oakland. Plans for the affair are well matured, according to J. E. Brown, chairman of the joint committee, which, says Bro. Brown is arranging a program which will make the affair one of the outstanding events of the season. Murray Petersen's large orchestra is to furnish the music for the dance and a special floor show is being prepared.

It is the opinion of the joint committee that the floor show covering all five dances. Guest tickets can be obtained. These are for the pleasure and entertainment of the single boy and girl going stag as well as with partners. Join this socially acquainted group, and make new friends. (Continued on page four).

Lucky Clover Dancing Club

A Stake dancing club for M. Men, Gleaners, Juniors and Explorers, has been completely organized with the authorization of the Stake authorities.

Five informal dances will be held each MIA season, in various places, and a grand finale at possibly the Claremont Hotel. Each dance will have music furnished by an outstanding orchestra and admission to these affairs will be by season ticket, \$2.50 is the cost covering all five dances. Guest tickets can be obtained. These are for the pleasure and entertainment of the single boy and girl going stag as well as with partners. Join this socially acquainted group, and make new friends.



—Done Photograph Studio, Manti, Utah.

Manti and St. George temple pilgrimage of Oakland and Berkeley stakes, Sept. 29-Oct. 9, 1949. Pilgrimage also included attendance at General Conference two days, visit to Genealogical offices and to "This is the Place," monument; to Welfare Square in SLC, and a tour of Bryce and Zion canyons. This swing excursion journeyed to SLC via Reno, and returned via Las Vegas.

Standing (l. to r.), Alvin L. Hopkins (R), Phil Lewis (E. R.), Ivan J. Beck (M. P.), Harry Crowther (B 1st), I. B. Ball (B 1st), Horace E. Owen (F), George Hughes (B 2nd), Leonard W. Phister (H).

Behind first row (l. to r.), Lucy Marie Tanner (E), Annie Livingston (H), Francis and Lily Mellor (P), Estrella B. McBride (E), Beryl L. Gashler (E), Elizabeth B. Brummett (E), Pearl A. Sparks (E), Alma Deane Feller (B 1st), Beatrice Offens (O), Sidney Fellers (B 1st), Annie Shields (O), Cleone Daley (O), Ruth R. Shurtliff (D), Amy B. Call (B 2nd), Mirian Ellsworth (C), Clara Gleason (C), B. Gleason (C), Newel T. Call (B 2nd), Teletha L. Dallin (C), Florence K. Nielsen (B 1st), Herbert and Neita Van Noy (D), and Nellie Hughes (B 2nd). Picture taken Oct. 5, 1949, Manti temple in background.